

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
and
ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE
March 8, 2004
Ken Lee Building Conference Room**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Reid Teresa Thomas Pam Bensoussan
 Stanley Jasek Theresa Acerro Susan Fuller
 Tracy Means

MEMBERS EXCUSED Michael Beck; Juan R. Diaz; John Chavez; Frank Ohrmund;
 Laura Hunter

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hellman, Environmental Projects Manager
 Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator
 Lynette Tessitore-Lopez, Associate Planner
 Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

OTHERS: Cindy Stankowski, Director – San Diego Archaeological
Center
 Lee Sherwood, RECON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doug Reid called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.. The Recording Secretary conducted the roll call and a motion was moved and carried to excuse the absent members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman invited comments from the public. There were none at this time.

3. AN EVALUATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN CHULA VISTA

Paul Hellman introduced Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez. Lynnette made an informational presentation to the group explaining the City's framework to support historic preservation. She explained the role of the City's Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Committee in this process, including their report to the City Council, entitled "An Evaluation of Historic Preservation in Chula Vista," which was accepted by the Council in late 2003. She responded to questions from the group. One specific issue was noted on the Goals & Policy Objectives document, page #2, objective 6.2 "support for Historic Preservation assessment and goals of making local government a CLG."

4. REVISED DRAFT CULTURAL RESOURCES BASELINE STUDY

Paul introduced Lee Sherwood of RECON. Lee described the revisions made to the Cultural Resources Baseline Study, which was originally distributed as the Archaeological Resources Baseline Study, since it was last reviewed by the Subcommittee. Several members identified historic periods that they would like to be added to the report. Marilyn Pongeggi requested members to provide any information on historic periods or any major historic events to staff for possible inclusion in the study.

Ms. Cindy Stankowski introduced herself as the director of the San Diego Archaeological Center. She presented to the Chairman a letter from her with attachments, which she asked be distributed to the members. She distributed copies of the letter to all present and addressed the points stated within the letter.

In response to Ms. Stankowski's statements, Marilyn informed the group that in most cases EIR's prepared by the City require archaeological and paleontological monitoring and that the City's standard archaeological and paleontological mitigation measures require that recovered artifacts be curated in an appropriate facility. She further stated that although artifacts recovered from private property belong to the property owner, the City is currently working with the developers of the master planned communities in eastern Chula Vista and their archaeological consultants in an attempt to transfer recovered artifacts from their current storage facilities to more permanent facilities such as the San Diego Archaeological Center.

5. DRAFT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES BASELINE STUDY

In the interest of time, the members agreed to waive staff's presentation of the Paleontological Resources Baseline Study. Paul asked if any of the members had any comments or questions regarding the study. The Chairman inquired about the recommended requirement to conduct field surveys for projects of 100 acres or more. Paul indicated that although field surveys would not typically be required for projects of less than 100 acres, mitigation in the form of monitoring and the recovery and curation of significant resources would be required if the proposed grading thresholds identified in the study would be met or exceeded.

6. STAFF COMMENT ON UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Paul stated that the next item distributed for review by the Subcommittee will be the draft Environmental Element, which would not likely be ready in time for the next regular meeting. If this is the case, then the Secretary would contact the members to poll them on their availability for a special meeting date.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting on March 22, 2004.

Recorded by,
Rabbia Phillip
Recording Secretary